

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM****SUBJECT:** Adult Treatment Drug Court - Grant Application**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services**DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services**AUTHORIZED BY:** Lisa Spriggs**CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero**EXT:** 7125**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve to submit a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration requesting up to \$900,000.00 in funding through their Adult Treatment Drug Court Program; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents as may be required for the application.

County-wide

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BACKGROUND:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications to expand substance abuse treatment capacity in Adult Drug Courts. The program seeks to address gaps in the continuum of treatment by expanding and/or enhancing substance abuse treatment services in the problem-solving courts which use the treatment drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination to offenders.

The Seminole County Adult Drug Court Program and Judiciary submitted a request to staff for the County to serve as the applicant and fiscal agent in pursuit of the grant. The proposed program enhancements would improve community response to the needs of non-violent criminal offenders whose legal problems stem from the abuse of illegal drugs and alcohol. The targeted program enhancements include:

Increasing the number of drug court participants by adding service capacity; establishing a Veterans outreach and treatment program for soldiers returning from war with drug dependency problems; implementing a partnership with an HIV/AIDS non-profit organization to provide testing, screening, prevention and education; establishing a lower-level Pre-Trial Diversion treatment program; implement a family treatment program to provide education and tools for a successful recovery; developing a life skills program to improve resume writing and interviewing skills; providing transportation assistance such as bus passes or tokens; improving drug testing methods and compliance rates; access for the Drug Court Team to attend training and certification conferences; and conducting scientific and independent full-process evaluations.

Due May 8, 2009, the proposed application would request up to \$300,000.00 per year for a 3-year period (totaling up to \$900,000.00). There is no match requirement for this grant; therefore, no financial commitment is required of Seminole County. If awarded, an agreement between Seminole County and the Judiciary would be initiated to define the roles and responsibilities of each agency. Both this agreement and the grant agreement with SAMHSA

would be managed by the Community Services Department.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve to submit a grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration requesting up to \$900,000.00 in funding through their Adult Treatment Drug Court Program; and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents as may be required for the application.

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews
